



Department of Pesticide Regulation's  
**AGRICULTURAL PEST CONTROL  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2005 Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00pm  
Location: Cal EPA Building, 1001 I Street Training Room East/West, Sacramento, CA 95812

Members Present: (5) Linda LaVanne- Agricultural Pest Control Advisers, Jeff Phillips- Commercial Applicator Certificate Holders, Barbara Todd- Department of Food and Agriculture (Ex-Officio), Ronald Berg- Pest Control Dealers, Jean La Duc- General Public, Mary Louise Flint-UCIPM

Department Staff: (6) David Duncan- Chair of Committee (Ch), Ada Scott, George Farnsworth, Adolfo Gallo, Cynthia Ray, Rayven Jenkins

Guests: (2) Judy Letterman- PAPA, Mark Bender, CSU, Stanislaus

Members Absent: (7)– David De Silva – Board of Governors of the Community Colleges, Michael Costello- California State University System, Tim Butler – Registrants, Ronald Cisney- Agricultural Pest Control Businesses, Scott Hudson- County Agricultural Commissioner Association, George Kaiser – Maintenance Gardener Pest Control Business, Richard Stoltz- Pest Control Aircraft Pilots,

## **AGENDA**

- 9:30-9:35** Introduction of members and others in attendance and review of agenda  
David Duncan, Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR)
- 9:35-9:40** Review and approval of October 20, 2004 Minutes  
Committee approved the minutes without comments or corrections.
- 9:40-10:15** Environmental Justice Activities  
DPR Community Guide  
Veda Federighi, DPR External Affairs

DPR Community Guide: The guide is a response to the legislature, and others who want to know the basics about how pesticides are regulated. The guide has been drafted and is in review at this time. It will be finalized and produced in three or four months. Pages can be taken out of the guide for outreach distribution if someone wishes to so. It will be in Spanish and plain English.

Mary Louise Flint: Is it focused on Ag use?

Veda Federighi: Primarily. However it does mention how the structural pest control board is regulated.

Environmental Justice Action Plan: The Environmental Justice (EJ) description is on the Website for CalEPA and DPR. The goal is to identify gaps in the Governor's Environmental Action Plan to insure adequate service and coverage. The Cal/EPA Secretary has withdrawn the original plan and is developing a new one with stakeholder input. The plan should be in place by the end of 2006. The High priority EJ action plan that was set in motion by former CalEPA Secretary Tamminen will be developed with cautionary approaches showing the steps you take before you see harm and how the public can participate in the regulatory process.



As part of its Environmental Justice Action Plan, Cal/EPA is developing and conducting four pilot projects that incorporate some of the themes in the Governor's Environmental Action Plan.

DPR was asked to develop information regarding air quality goals and how to address air quality issues. Randy Segawa is DPR's point person on this project and his 36 page document describing how he developed the projects is located on the DPR Website as well as a six page summary from the Executive Office. Please look at the documents and make comments. Next month, Cal/EPA will be asking for comments to discuss all pilot projects and involve the public in the decision making process.

**10:15-10:35      Report on Licensing renewal, website changes, revised application forms, revised study material list, 2005 exam schedule, PCA course list (post-secondary)**  
Cynthia Ray, DPR

**License and Certificate Renewals:** The program is currently receiving renewal applications for processing and issuing licenses and certificates. To date 65.22% of the business licenses and 76.02% of the individual licenses and certificates have been renewed. On January 30, 2003, 70 % of the business licenses and 81.5 % of the individual licenses and certificates had been renewed. Licensing has been keeping up with the processing of the renewal applications as the renewals are received. Currently we do not have much of a back-log. There could be a reduction in the renewals being sent in for this renewal period.

Barbara Todd: Will this affect revenue?

Dave Duncan: It is hard to say at this time. It may take a few licensing application and renewal cycles to really determine if businesses and individuals are deciding not to license as many staff as they are currently.

**PCA course list (post-secondary):**

Cynthia Ray compared results of qualifying applicants under the current minimum qualifications that exist in regulation and under the revision proposed by the APCAC subcommittee. Six of 39 applicants would not qualify under the new conditions although two of the 39 would likely not qualify under most conditions. The revised MQs would take effect within a year of the date the regulations are proposed.

Mark Bender, CSU Stanislaus, has developed a list of 78 courses common to universities and community colleges that supports PCA licensing requirements. Mark suggested adding his curriculum list to the current curriculum to encourage community colleges in identifying classes for PCA approval. Very few respond to DPR outreach, but Mark has had interest from Modesto, Merced, Consumes, and Delta colleges.

Mary Louise Flint: It would be great if PCA applicants knew they could get necessary classes at community colleges. If you could be the interface, that would be great.

Dave Duncan: Let Mark know the link regarding knowledge expectations.

Mark: I would like DPR approval. It is a model.

Dave Duncan: Mary Louise Flint and Michael Costello should get together with Mark Bender to put together a generic list for the Website.

Mary Louise Flint: Incorporate the Knowledge Expectations.

Mark: I want to put the Knowledge Expectations into a link. My goal is to widely distribute the matrix of courses at [www.ccagcans.com](http://www.ccagcans.com) and [www.cpaac.com](http://www.cpaac.com).

Mary Louise Flint: I'm shocked that I don't know anything about it.

Mark: We can make a CD with a Knowledge Expectation link.

Judy Letterman: Are you finding that more community colleges are getting into Agriculture?

Mark: We are all struggling. Fewer classes are offered because enrollment is lower in Ag classes. It depends on the area.

**Website changes:**

1. The application study material source list has been updated and cleaned up.
2. The address of record is posted for the license and certificate holders.



Linda LaVanne: What are the risks of someone with a similar name saying that information is about them?  
Jean La Duc: Is it possible to put a link on the Home page to list staff? Home page 'A-Z index', "Contact Us" is confusing.  
Veda: You should be able to find the employee name list under "Contact Us".

#### **Revised study material list:**

Mary Louise Flint: It would be useful to contact UCD to review available study material list when updating DPR's list.

David Duncan: That is a good point. It could be an automatic item for the quarterly meeting with UCD.

#### **Exams:**

Jean La Duc: Why are so many exams held in Dublin and only one exam per year held in San Jose?

Cynthia: As it turns out, most applicants asked to be tested in Dublin. The exam locations are based on those most requested.

#### **10:35-10:45      Pesticide Use Report summary and data release** Ada Scott, DPR

DPR will produce CD's and release them by the end of next week. The delay in issuance was due to technical issues at the counties and DPR had to go back and verify reporting errors.. Glenn Brank will put together a press release and explain trends. The top ten and top 100 list will show site crop commodities by acres treated and the top five pesticides used by acres treated.

The California Pesticide Information Portal (CALPIP) page will be updated by the end of February. Home pesticide use is slightly up from last year according to CALPIP.  
Processing 2004 Use data.

Scott Hudson: Could the entire report be put on the Website?

Ada Scott & Dave Duncan: The entire report is very large and cumbersome and that's why the summaries are posted on the website but basic queries of the data can be answered by going to the DPR website and using CALPIP or staff will assist clients with more detailed questions.

#### **10:45-11:00      (BREAK TBA)**

#### **11:00-11:20      Mill assessment and large retailers** George Farnsworth, DPR

George handed out information flyers explaining what the Mill Branch does. The flyer described how to file a complaint, and is available on-line. California has the only mill assessment program in the USA.

Who pays the mill assessment? California statutes require mill to be paid upon the first sale into California. In most cases the registrant pays but not always. The DPR website includes a spreadsheet of products updated quarterly, of outstanding mill assessment payments.

The Mill Branch is able to focus on areas of compliance. Example: An audit of Longs Drug Store found inconsistencies in mill assessment collections. So called "Big Box" stores have distribution systems unlike small retailers or ag dealers and it is difficult to determine if the mill was paid. Many of the large retailers just aren't aware that they need to be licensed to sell dual labeled products. Internet and mail order businesses also present difficulties in tracking sales to California.

Scott Hudson:

Q: Is there an estimate of how much money is lost?

A: 22 – 23 % coming from companies cannot determine if bill has been paid.



**11:20-11:30**

**Study guides and exam update**

Mary Lou Flint, UC Davis IPM and Adolfo Gallo, DPR

**Study guides and exam update-Mary Louise Flint**

The Residential, Industrial, and Institutional Study Guide should be ready by the end of summer 2005.

The Landscape Maintenance study guide has been edited and should be ready in the fall

The Q category Maintenance Gardener Study Guide and exam will hopefully be completed by the end of June.

Mary Lou Flint: asked if there were anyone interested in participating in the advisory committee? **What committee?**

Judy Letterman offered.

There was a discussion of repetition of work for UC Davis and DPR regarding the B and Q categories and the differences.

Q: When are applicants asked to get B or Q?

A: When certificate or License is issued.

**Maintenance Gardener Pest Control Applicator study guide and examination:** David Duncan, Mac Takeda and Adolfo Gallo will be meeting on February 25 at UCIPM, in Davis with the advisory committee and UC IPM group to discuss the project and knowledge expectations for the study guide and exam.

**Study guides and exam update-Adolfo Gallo**

UC Davis provided questions for the QAC and QAL Laws, Landscape, and Aquatic exams so they could be revised.

UC Davis also provided questions for the PCA weeds and vertebrate pests exams. Looking at June of next year for completion.

**Aerial Applicator Study Guide and Examination Contract:** The first meeting with the expert panel working on the aerial applicator study guide and examination pool will be on February 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 3 pm. The next meeting will be on March 16<sup>th</sup> also from 9 am.

**11:30-11:40**

**Policy related to pest control businesses and cooling tower treatment**

DPR

PML 05-02 letter was distributed regarding Licensing requirements for water cooling towers and evaporative condensers.

If the business delivered and poured the product into the tank they do not need to be licensed. If they keep up the care of the tower, they do need to be licensed.

**11:40-11:50**

**DPR Rulemaking Calendar, Management changes at DPR**

David Duncan, Mac Takeda and Committee

Subject: Licensing for public agencies. Who needs a PCA?



David Duncan referred to the DPR Rulemaking calendar and focused on the proposal to better define and clarify who should be licensed as a PCA based on whether they provided pest control advice for a private firm or public agency. Individuals who are part of a private firm and make pest control decisions are not required to be licensed as PCAs because they are making decisions internal to the organization. On the other hand, individuals who make pest control decisions as third parties outside of the private firm need to be licensed.

**11:50-12:00            Next agenda and meeting date**

Committee

Date: April 12, 2005 (Tuesday)

Time: 9:30 am - 12:30pm

Place: 1001 I street

Training room 1 East and West (First Floor)

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